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State Support for Norwich Projects

I am proud to announce that the General Assembly passed legislation authorizing much needed state support for several projects important to residents of Norwich. These projects must receive final approval by the State Bond Commission and I will continue to advocate for them.

- A \$1.5 million grant to Norwich was included in the bond legislation this year. These resources will help pay for necessary improvements to the harbor wall.
- Legislation also made \$350,000 available for renovations and expansion of the Ross Adult Daycare Center in Norwich.
- Martin House, which provides services to Norwich area residents with mental illnesses will benefit from a \$700,000 grant to expand their facilities.



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STATE AID

FOR NORWICH EDUCATION

Norwich will receive more education state aid than last year to assist with the school budget.

	FY 04-05	FY 05-06	INCREASE FROM FY 04-05
School Transportation	\$1,034,485	\$1,071,805	\$37,320
Aid to Towns for Schools	27,218,195	28,138,332	920,137
Adult Education	348,458	405,025	56,567
Total	\$28,601,137	\$29,615,161	\$1,014,024



YOUR STATE SENATOR EDITH PRAGUE



2005 LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Protecting the Environment

- Established a farmland preservation/affordable housing program to create a fund of approximately \$30 million per year for farmland and open space preservation, affordable housing and historic preservation.

Strengthening Ethics in Government

- Created an Office of State Ethics—an independent, stand-alone agency designed to replace the State Ethics Commission and remove politics from the oversight process.

Providing Opportunity for Students

- Passed one of the largest expansions of the School Readiness program since its inception.
- Supported our state colleges and universities with an additional \$52 million more than originally proposed.

Protecting Working Families

- Saved the HUSKY health insurance for low-income adults from budget cuts.
- Increased the minimum wage to \$7.40 an hour in 2006 and to \$7.65 an hour in 2007.

Ensuring Access to Health Care

- Passed medical malpractice legislation to slow the growth of doctors' insurance premiums while protecting the rights of patients.
- Improved health coverage by requiring insurance companies to cover certain fertility treatments and ultrasound breast cancer screenings when recommended by a physician.

Defending the Sub Base

- Earmarked \$10 million for infrastructure improvements to increase the strategic military value of the Groton submarine base.